

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A mounting frame and mirror assembly, for use by a viewer  
5 in conjunction with an existing substantially rectangular  
flat panel display of a display device mounted to a vertical  
support structure, said flat panel display having a front  
surface which faces the viewer of the flat panel display,  
wherein the flat panel display produces an image comprised of  
10 light which is projected onto the front surface when the  
display device is activated, comprising:

a mounting frame which is selectively fitted over the  
flat panel display in order to substantially frame the flat  
15 panel display, having a substantially rectangular wall  
flange, a substantially rectangular mirror flange, and four  
frame walls extending therebetween, said mirror flange having  
edges which together define an opening; and

20 a one-way mirror attached within the opening defined by  
the edges of the mirror flange, said mirror having two  
opposing surfaces, one of which is a reflective surface,  
wherein after fitting the mounting frame over the flat panel  
display, the reflective surface of the mirror obscures the  
25 flat panel display when the display device is not activated,  
while allowing the viewer to see the image on the front

surface of the flat panel display when the display device is activated.

2. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in claim  
5 1, wherein the wall flange, the mirror flange, the frame  
walls, and the mirror, each have outer surfaces and inner  
surfaces, and wherein after the mounting frame has been  
selectively fitted over the flat panel display, the inner  
surfaces face the vertical support structure, and the outer  
10 surfaces face the viewer.

3. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in  
claim 2, wherein the one-way mirror has edges, and is  
attached in proximity to its edges to the inner surface of  
15 the mirror flange.

4. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in claim  
3, wherein the mounting frame and mirror assembly has four  
bracketing walls extending between the mirror flange and the  
20 wall flange, said bracketing walls together defining an  
enclosure for selectively accommodating the flat panel  
display.

5. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in claim  
25 4, wherein the front surface of the flat panel display has  
peripheral edges, and wherein after extending the mounting  
frame over the flat panel display, the peripheral edges are

pressed substantially flush against the inner surface of the mirror flange.

6. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in claim  
5 5, wherein after extending the mounting frame over the flat panel display, the inner surface of the wall flange is substantially flush against the vertical support structure.

7. The mounting frame and mirror assembly as recited in claim  
10 6, wherein the mounting frame is constructed from a material selected from a group of materials consisting of lightweight metals, plastics, and wood.

8. A method of selectively obscuring an existing flat panel  
15 display of a display device by a user, in conjunction with a vertical support structure, said flat panel display having a front surface which faces the user of the flat panel display, wherein when the display device is activated, the flat panel display produces an image comprised of light which is  
20 projected onto the front surface, said method utilizing a mounting frame and mirror assembly having a mounting frame and a one-way mirror having a reflective outer surface, said method comprising the steps of:

25 mounting the flat panel display to the vertical support structure;

extending the mounting frame and mirror assembly over the flat panel display, thereby interposing the one-way mirror between the user and the front surface of the flat panel display;

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obscuring the flat panel display with the reflective outer surface of the one-way mirror when the display device has been inactivated; and

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viewing the image projected upon the front surface of the flat panel display through the one-way mirror upon selective activation of the display device.